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REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the above-referenced application are respectfully requested. Claim amendments are presented herein to obviate the current rejection.

35 USC § 102 / § 103

Claim 14, 7, 8, 10, 13-16, 19, 20, 22, 24-30, 33, 34, and 37-39 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(a) as allegedly being anticipated by Iyer. Claim 23 stands rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Iyer in view of Tal. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Claims 1, 15, and 33 have been amended to clarify that the deployment policy tree hierarchically associates policies with a plurality of network components including the network component and the configuration tree hierarchically defines a plurality of deployed network components including the network components. Claim 25 was similarly amended.

Iyer fails to disclose a hierarchical deployment tree and configuration tree and the recited interrelationship between these two structures. With Iyer, a security policy defines a hierarchical organization of a group. Iyer also includes an LDAP database storing policy information that is organized in a hierarchical object oriented structure (which relates to a

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manner in which the data is stored as opposed to a logical relationship of the data). This database does not logically relate the policies within a hierarchical fashion as provided in the recited deployment tree. Moreover, Iyer fails to describe an aggregated data set which includes a pointer to a deployment tree and a configuration tree as recited in the claims.

Accordingly, claims 1, 15, 25 33, and their respective dependent claims are allowable.

Concluding Comments

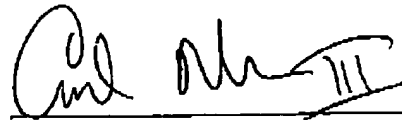
It is believed that all of the pending claims have been addressed in this paper. However, failure to address a specific rejection, issue or comment, does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue or comment. In addition, because the arguments made above are not intended to be exhaustive, there may be reasons for patentability of any or all pending claims (or other claims) that have not been expressed. Finally, nothing in this paper should be construed as an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this paper, and the amendment of any claim does not necessarily signify concession of unpatentability of the claim prior to its amendment.

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